

Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a granulated body for absorbing excrement of animals, ~~characterized in that a dry bamboo fiber and a wood fiber are used as chief material; said comprising: mixing~~ dry bamboo ~~fiber~~ fibers and wood ~~fiber~~ are mixed fibers with each other while adding moisture thereto and ~~said allowing the dry bamboo fiber is allowed~~ fibers to absorb the moisture to form a resultant; ~~the resultant is granulated~~ granulating the resultant to form a wet granulated body; ~~and blowing hot air is blown to said the wet granulated body; said to cause the moisture absorbed in said the dry bamboo fiber is~~ fibers to be transpired outward through ~~said the wet granulated body by said the hot air; and a porous structure in said dry bamboo fiber in said wet granulated body is reproduced by said transpiration and an infinite number of, to thereby cause~~ transpiring paths are to be formed in ~~said the wet granulated body to~~ obtain a porous structure in the dry bamboo fibers in the wet granulated body.

2. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a granulated body for absorbing excrement of animals, ~~characterized in that a~~ comprising: providing dry bamboo ~~fiber is used~~ fibers as a chief material; ~~adding moisture is added to the said dry bamboo fiber so as~~ fibers to allow the moisture to be absorbed therein to form a resultant; ~~granulating the resultant is granulated to form a wet granulated body; and blowing hot air is blown to said the wet granulated body; said to cause the moisture absorbed in said the dry bamboo fiber is~~ fibers to be transpired outward through ~~said the wet granulated body by said the hot air; and a porous structure in said dry bamboo fiber in said wet granulated body is reproduced by said transpiration and an infinite number of, to thereby cause~~ transpiring paths are to be formed in ~~said the wet granulated body to~~ obtain a porous structure in the dry bamboo fibers in the wet granulated body.

3. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a granulated body for absorbing excrement of animals, ~~characterized in that a~~ comprising: providing dry bamboo ~~fiber~~ fibers and

wood ~~fiber are used~~ fibers as chief ~~material~~ materials; mixing a water sensitive coagulant composed of powder ~~is mixed therewith~~ with the dry bamboo fibers and the wood fibers to form a resultant; admixing the resultant ~~is admixed~~ in a ~~no hydraulic~~ non-hydraulic state; and compression-molding the resultant ~~is compression molded~~ to form a granulated body having a fixed shape such that a porous structure is ~~enriched in said~~ provided to the fixed-shape granulated body by ~~said the~~ dry bamboo-fiber fibers.

4. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a granulated body for absorbing excrement of animals, ~~characterized in that a~~ comprising: providing dry bamboo ~~fiber is used~~ fibers as a chief material; mixing a water sensitive coagulant composed of powder ~~is mixed therewith~~ with the bamboo fibers to form a resultant; admixing the resultant ~~is admixed~~ in a ~~no hydraulic~~ non-hydraulic state; compression-molding the resultant ~~is compression molded~~ to form a granulated body having a fixed shape such that a porous structure is ~~enriched in said~~ provided to the fixed-shape granulated body by ~~said the~~ dry bamboo-fiber fibers.